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1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE DATE-LINED WASHINGTON, SINGAPORE,  
AND CANBERRA APPEARED IN THE MELBOURNE AGE ON JANUARY 29:

2. QTE... GOV. REJECTS TIMOR PLEA  
UN SECRETARY- GENERAL, DR. WALDHEIM, HAS ASKED AUSTRALIAN  
GOVERNMENT HELP TO RESTORE COMMUNICATIONS WITH FRETELIN  
LEADERS IN EAST TIMOR.

3. QTE. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNEMENT HAS REPLIED BY SUGGEST-  
ING THAT THE UN USE THE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES OF A  
PORTUGUESE DESTROYER NOW IN EAST TIMORESE WATERS.

4. QTE. DR. WALDHEIM'S REQUEST TO AUSTRALIA CAME AS: INDO-  
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NESIAN FORCES LAUNCHED FRESH AIR, SEA AND GROUND ATTACKS

ON SAME, A FRETILIN STRONGHOLD IN EAST TIMOR; ATTEMPTS BY UN ENVOY MR. WINSPEARE GUICCIARDI TO TALK TO FRETILIN LEADERS WERE THWARTED BY A NEW ATTACK - AND THE CONFISCATION OF A FRETILIN RADIO BY AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES IN DARWIN.

5. QTE. IN CANBERRA YESTERDAY IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. FRASER, PERSONALLY ORDERED THE CONFISCATION OF THE FRETILIN RADIO. HE ACTED ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

6. QTE. THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTERS, MR. PEACOCK, IS BELIEVED TO HAVE ENDORSED THE PROPOSAL.

7. QTE. THE MINISTER FOR POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MR. GARLAND, ALSO WAS ALERTED TO THE PLANNED RAID.

8. QTE. GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAY THAT THE AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION WAS ASKED TO LOCATE THE RADIO SO POLICE AND OFFICERS OF THE POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT COULD MAKE THE RAID.

9. QTE. ALTHOUGH ASIO WAS MONITORING THE RADIO, IT IS BELIEVED AGENTS TOOK ALMOST A WEEK TO LOCATE IT. THE RADIO WAS FOUND LAST SUNDAY IN THE BOOT OF A CAR DRIVEN BY PAUL BELLO, A FRETILIN REPRESENTATIVE IN DARWIN.

10. QTE. FROM WASHINGTON, CREIGHTON BURNS REPORTS:

11. QTE. THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, MR. RALPH HARRY, DISCUSSED EAST TIMOR WITH DR. WALDHEIM ON MONDAY NIGHT AT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REQUEST.

12. QTE. THE DISCUSSION CONCERNED THE RESTORATION OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH FRETILIN LEADERS AND THE INNER QTE WAYS AND MEANS END INNER QTE BY WHICH MR. GUICCIARDI MIGHT HOLD TALKS WITH FRETILIN LEADERS.

13. QTE. MR. HARRY SAID DR. WALDHEIM HAD MADE NO OFFICIAL REQUEST TO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT BUT HAD INNER QTE UNCLASSIFIED

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INQUIRED END INNER QTE WHAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT COULD DO TO RESTORE THE RADIO LINK.

14. QTE. I BELIEVE THAT THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR IN JAKARTA, MR. WOOLCOTT, RECEIVED THE SAME INQUIRY OR REQUEST YESTERDAY FROM MR. GUICCIARDI.

15. QTE. MR. HARRY SAW DR. WALDHEIM AGAIN AND RECOMMENDED

THAT THE UN MAKE USE OF THE PORTUGUESE DESTROYER'S COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

16 QTE. MR. WOOLCOTT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE GIVEN THE SAME ADVICE TO MR. GUICCIARDI IN JAKARTA.

17 QTE. I BELIEVE THAT BOTH MR. HARRY AND MR. WOOLCOTT WERE ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM CANBERRA.

18. QTE. FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IN CANBERRA DENIED THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED EITHER A FORMAL OR INFORMAL REQUEST FROM DR. GUICCIARDI OR DR. WALDHEIM FOR ASSISTANCE ON TIMOR COMMUNICATIONS.

19. QTE. THE GOVERNMENT DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE OF REPORT THAT INDONESIAN FORCES WERE BOMBARDING SAME - THE SMALL TOWN IN TOMOR WHERE DR. GUICCIARDI WAS PLANNING TO VISIT FRETILIN FORCES.

20. QTE. WORD OKH THE NEW INDONESIAN ATTACKS IN EAST TIMOR CAME YESTERDAY.

21. QTE. A FRETILIN MESSAGE MONITORED IN DARWIN SAID EIGHT INDONESIAN WARSHIPS AND TWO PLANES YESTERDAY MOUNTED A 14-HOUR BOMBARDMENT AGAINST THE PORT OF BETANO ON THE SOUTH COAST.

22. QTE. IT SAID THE AIR-SEA ATTACK WAS FOLLOWED BY THE LANDING OF INNER QTE LOTS OF INDONESIAN SOLDIERS. END INNER QTE.

23. QTE. THE MESSAGE SAID THE TROOPS WERE ADVANCING NORTH TOWARDS SAME. END QTE  
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24. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT RELEASED BY DFA ON JANUARY 28, AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR WALCOTT HAD CONTACTED DR. WINSPEARE IN JAKARTA CONCERNING ALLEGED AUSTRALIAN INTERFERENCE IN HIS EFFORTS TO REACH FRETILIN-HELD AREAS IN TOMOR. STATEMENT SAID THAT WINSPEARE DENIED SUGGESTIONS THAT HIS MISSION HAD BEEN FRUSTRATED BY THE AUSTRALIAN SEIZURE OF AN ILLEGAL RADIO TRANSMITTER IN DARWIN. WINSPEARE ALSO REPORTEDLY AGREED THAT THE BEST WAY FOR HIM TO CONTACT FRETILIN WOULD BE THROUGH PORTUGUESE RADIO FACILITIES. END COMMENT.  
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